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Letter dated 31 January 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In view of the work that is being undertaken to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system in the fight against HIV/AIDS, most recently reflected in the proposed "Joint and Cosponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS", my Government would find it useful to have a broad discussion and exchange of views on this issue at the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council this summer. Due to the dramatic scope of the AIDS pandemic and the need for a multisectoral and unified response by the United Nations system, my Government considers it of the utmost importance to work towards a well formulated and coordinated United Nations programme where the contributions and participation of all the relevant parts of the United Nations system are taken into account.

Norway therefore proposes that, at the organizational session (1-4 February), the Economic and Social Council include an additional item in the agenda for the general segment of this year's substantive session, entitled "Coordination of the United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS".

I would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as an official document for the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council.

(Signed) Martin HUSLID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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